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SUMMARY: AT OCTOBER 7 MEETING, NATO POLADS HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL CBM RELATED TOPICS. FRG REP REFERRED TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED THAT WARSAW PACT SUPREME COMMAND HAD ORDERED THAT ALL WP MANEUVERS SHOULD

BE BELOW 25,000 MAN LEVEL. ALLIES EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAVIAN NOTIFICATION OF AN OCTOBER 21-25 MANEUVER, AND HEARD FRG REPORT ON ACCEPTANCES TO DATE OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVE EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK". DANISH REP REPORTED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN HAD COMPLAINED TO DANISH MFA ABOUT SYG LUNS REMARKS ON CSCE IN LATTERS SPEECH TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. ACTION: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON FRG QUESTION RE SUBSTANTIATION OF WARSAW PACT LIMITATION ON MANEUVER SIZE, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR OCTOBER 14 POLADS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. WARSAW PACT CBM INTENTIONS: FRG REP (CITRON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE WP SUPREME COMMAND HAS ORDERED THAT ALL WP MANEUVERS SHOULD BE BELOW THE 25,000 MAN CSCE "TROOP" LEVEL. CITRON ASKED WHETHER ALLIES HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE NOTED THAT WP HAS BEEN FRAGMENTING ITS MANEUVERS "FOR SOME TIME" AND BELIEVE THAT WP AIM MAY BE TO CAMOUFLAGE REAL SIZE AND PURPOSE OF CERTAIN MANEUVERS. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR OCTOBER 14 POLADS MEETING (REF B REFERS). END ACTION REQUESTED.

2. YUGOSLAV MANEUVER NOTIFICATION: SEVERAL REPS (ITALIAN NETHERLANDS US UK BELGIUM AND FRG) REPORTED THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD NOTIFIED OCTOBER 21-25 TRAINING EXERCISE (REF C).

3. ACCEPTANCES OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS: FRG REP (CITRON) GAVE REPORT ON ACCEPTANCES OF FRG INVITATIONS TO "CERTAIN TREK" OBSERVERS. THIS REPORT CONTAINED SOME INFORMATION ALREADY REPORTED BY EMBASSY BONN (SEE BONN CABLES 15996, 16093, AND 16173). CITRON REMARKED THAT ROMANIANS APPEAR PARTICULARLY UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT NOT HAVING RESPONDED TO INVITATION . US REP POINTED TO VERY LOW KEY ROMANIAN PRESS COMMENT ON CBMS (REF D).

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4. SOVIET CRITICISM OF LUNS REMARKS ON CSCE: DANISH REP (MORCH) REPORTED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN HAD EXPRESSED TO DANISH MFA DIRECTOR (THE SENIOR DANISH MFA CIVIL SERVANT) DISSATISFACTION WITH CSCE PASSAGES IN SYG LUNS SEPTEMBER 25 SPEECH TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT LUNS HAD EXPRESSED PARTICULAR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SOVIET PERFORMANCE ON CBMS AND HE CRITICIZED SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF WESTERN CBMS NOTIFICATIONS. STREATOR

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